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I wish to voice my opinion of the Microsoft settlement during the public comment period, as provided for under the Tunney Act.

I support the proposed settlement that the DOJ and Microsoft have negotiated - it is a tough but fair compromise by both parties, and it will achieve the government's aim of protecting software consumers.

After nearly four years this litigation should end with the settlement, as negotiated. The litigation has been disruptive to the industry, bad for the economy, expensive to taxpayers, damaging to investors, and it has hobbled one of America's - in fact, one of the world's - great companies.

It is very unfortunate that Microsoft's competitors are aggressively lobbying for sanctions against Microsoft that go beyond the settlement and are in the interests only of these competitors, not the general public. I urge the DOJ to dismiss this self-serving lobbying, and to ratify the settlement as it stands.

Thank you.
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